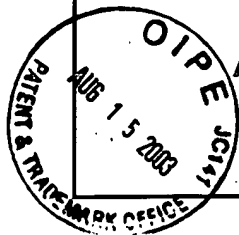


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AMENDMENT

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Examiner	A. Bhat
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C.

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Responsive to the Office Action mailed on May 2, 2003, please amend the above identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims provided herewith in **Attachment A**.

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ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fees calculated below	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Petition	<input type="checkbox"/>
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FEES CALCULATION: For claims if required and/or other fees as shown below:					
	NOW	Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	\$
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TOTAL OF ABOVE CLAIMS FEES =					36
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reduction by 1/2 for small entity status of applicant					18
SUBTOTAL =					18
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee for extension of time (per attached Petition)					55
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TOTAL OF ALL FEES =					73

☒ A check in the amount of \$73.00 is enclosed. If no check or an insufficient check is enclosed and a fee is due in connection herewith, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or additional fee due in connection herewith to Deposit Account No. 12-0555.

☒ In the event that a petition for extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and that a separate petition is not submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time of as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee is authorized above.

Date: August 15, 2003

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